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BURIALS.

FROM and after the First Day of *May*, *Anno Dom.* 1695. upon the Burial of all Persons who shall be buried at any Place in *England*, *Wales*, or *Berwick* upon *Tweed*, for the Term of Five Years, shall be raised these Duties following: (*Viz.*)

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Upon the Burial of every Person	00	04	00

Upon the Burial of all Persons of the Degrees and Qualifications hereafter mentioned, over and above the said Sum of Four Shillings; (*Viz.*)

The Nobility, as Dukes, Marquises, Earls, Viscounts, Barons, and also Baronets, of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*, as follow:

		l.	s.	d.
Upon the Burial of every	Duke or Dutcheſs of any of the ſaid three Kingdoms	50	00	00
	Marquis, or Marchioneſs	40	00	00
	Earl, or Counteſs	30	00	00
	Viſcount, or Viſcounteſs	25	00	00
	Baron, or Baroneſs	20	00	00
	Eldeſt Son of a Duke, or his Wife	30	00	00
	Younger Son of a Duke, or his Wife	25	00	00
	Eldeſt Son of a Marquis, or his Wife	25	00	00
	Younger Son of a Marquis, or his Wife	20	00	00
	Eldeſt Son of an Earl, or his Wife	20	00	00
	Younger Son of an Earl, or his Wife	15	00	00
	Eldeſt Son of a Viſcount, or his Wife	17	10	00
	Younger Son of a Viſcount, or his Wife	13	06	08
	Eldeſt Son of a Baron, or his Wife	15	00	00
	Younger Son of a Baron, or his Wife	12	00	00
	Unmarried Daughter of a Duke	25	00	00
	Unmarried Daughter of a Marquis	20	00	00
	Unmarried Daughter of a Earl	15	00	00
	Unmarried Daughter of a Viſcount	13	06	08
	Unmarried Daughter of a Baron	12	00	00
	Widow of a Duke	50	00	00
	Widow of a Marquis	40	00	00
	Widow of a Earl	30	00	00
	Widow of a Viſcount	25	00	00
	Widow of a Baron	20	00	00
	Baronet of the ſaid three Kingdoms, or of *Nova Scotia*, or his Wife	15	00	00
	Knight of the *Bath*, or his Wife	15	00	00
	Knight Batchelor, or his Wife	10	00	00
	Kings Serjeant at Law	20	00	00
	His Wife	10	00	00
	Other Serjeant at Law	15	00	00
	His Wife	07	10	00

Eſquire,

Upon the Burial of every

	l.	s.	d.
Eſquire, or ſo reputed, or owning or writing himſelf ſuch, or his Wife—	05	00	00
Gentleman, or ſo reputed, or owning or writing himſelf ſuch, or his Wife—	01	00	00
Younger Children of Baronets, Knights of the *Bath*, Knights Batchelors, Serjeants at Law, Eſquires or Gentlemen, or owning or writing themſelves ſuch, or their Wives—	01	00	00
Widow of a Baronet—	15	00	00
Widow of a Knight of the *Bath*—	15	00	00
Widow of a Knight Batchelor—	10	00	00
Widow of a Kings Serjeant at Law—	10	00	00
Widow of a Other Serjeant at Law—	07	10	00
Widow of a Eſquire, or ſo reputed, or owning or writing himſelf ſuch—	05	00	00
Widow of a Gentleman, or ſo reputed, or owning or writing himſelf ſuch—	01	00	00
Archbiſhop—	50	00	00
—His Wife, or Widow—	10	00	00
Biſhop—	20	00	00
—His Wife, or Widow—	05	00	00
Dean of a Cathedral, or Collegiate Church	10	00	00
—His Wife, or Widow—	02	10	00
Archdeacon—	02	10	00
—His Wife, or Widow—	01	00	00
Canon or Prebendary of any Cathedral, or Collegiate Church—	02	10	00
—His Wife or Widow—	01	00	00
Doctor of Divinity, Law, Phyſick—	05	00	00
—His Wife or Widow—	01	00	00

		l.	s.	d.
Upon the Burial of every	Son or Daughter of an Archbiſhop, Biſhop, Dean, Archdeacon, Canon, Prebendary, Doctor of Divinity, Law, or Phyſick	01	00	00
	Perſon of 50 *l.* *per Annum* value, or upwards, in real eſtate; or of 600 *l.* value, or upwards, in perſonal Eſtate	01	00	00
	Wife, Widow, Child, or Children, of every ſuch Perſon, having ſuch real or perſonal Eſtate	00	10	00

By whom to be paid. Theſe fore-mentioned Duties ſhall be paid by the reſpective Heirs, Executors, or Adminiſtrators, of every ſuch Perſon ſo buried, before any Debts or Duties whatſoever: And in default of Payment to the Collectors on demand, the ſame to be levied by diſtreſs, on the Lands, Tenements, Goods and Chattels of the deceaſed.

The Duties of Infants by whom to be paid. If the Party buried be under the Age of Twenty one Years, the Duty ſhall be paid by the Father of ſuch Perſon (if living,) and if dead, by the Mother (if living,) or otherwiſe, by the Guardian, Truſtee, Executor, or Adminiſtrator of ſuch Perſon.

The Husband ſhall pay for the Wife.

BIRTHS.

FROM and after the Firſt Day of *May*, *Anno Dom.* 1695. for and during Five Years, every Perſon who ſhall be born in *England*, *Wales*, or *Berwick*, ſhall pay theſe Duties following: (*Viz.*)

Every

	l.	s.	d.
Every Perſon and Child (except the Child, or Children of ſuch as receive Alms)	00	02	00

And over and above the Sum of 2 *s.* for the Degrees, *&c.* hereafter mentioned, the reſpective Duties following: (*Viz.*)

Upon the Birth of every

	l.	s.	d.
Eldeſt Son of a Duke of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*, or of his Wife by any other Husband after his death	30	00	00
Every other Son, or Daughter, of ſuch Duke, or of his Wife, by any other Husband	25	00	00
Eldeſt Son of a Marquiſs of any the ſaid three Kingdoms, or of his Wife by any other Husband after his death	25	00	00
—And of every other Son, or Daughter	20	00	00
Eldeſt Son of an Earl, or his Wife by any other Husband	20	00	00
—And of every other Son, or Daughter	15	00	00
Eldeſt Son of a Viſcount, or of his Wife by any other Husband after his death	17	10	00
—And of every other Son, or Daughter	13	06	08
Eldeſt Son of a Baron, or his Wife, by any other Husband after his death	15	00	00
—And of every other Son, or Daughter	12	00	00
Eldeſt Son of a Baronet, Knight of the *Bath*, Knight Batchelor	05	00	00
Eldeſt Son of a Serjeant at Law, Eſquire, Gentleman	01	00	00

			l.	s.	d.
Upon the Birth of every	Younger Son, or Daughter, of—	Baronets Knights of the *Bath* Knights Batchelors Serjeants at Law Eſquires, or ſo reputed Gentlemen, or ſo reputed, or owning or writing themſelves ſuch	01	00	00
	Son, or Daughter of an—	Archbiſhop Biſhop Dean Archdeacon Canon, Prebendary Doctor of Divinity, Law, Phyſick	01	00	00
	Son, or Daughter, of every Perſon having 50 *l. per Annum*, or upwards, in Real Eſtate, or Perſonal Eſtate of 600 *l.* Value, or upwards, and not hereby otherwiſe charged under any the Ranks, Orders, Qualifications, or Degrees, before-mention'd.		00	10	00

These Duties (for Births) ſhall be paid and anſwered by the Father (if living;) and if dead, then by the Mother; and if both dead, at the time of the Birth, then by their Guardians, and to be reimburſed again in the firſt place, out of the Rents or perſonal Eſtate of ſuch Child, or Children, to be Levied as after directed.

By whom to be paid.

MARRIAGES.

AFter the First Day of *May*, *Anno Dom.* 1695. for and during Five Years, shall be raised the several Duties following, upon the Marriage of every Person at any place in *England*, *Wales* and *Berwick*: (*Viz.*)

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Upon the respective Marriage of every Person, (except such as receive Alms)	00	02	06

And over and above the said **2** *s.* **6** *d.* the respective Duties following:

[☞ Note, *The Nobility are* English, Scots, *or* Irish.]

Upon the Marriage of every

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Duke of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*	50	00	00
Marquis	40	00	00
Earl	30	00	00
Viscount	25	00	00
Baron	20	00	00
Eldest Son of a Duke	30	00	00
Younger Son of a Duke	25	00	00
Eldest Son of a Marquis	25	00	00
Younger Son of a Marquis	20	00	00
Eldest Son of an Earl	20	00	00
Younger Son of an Earl	15	00	00
Eldest Son of a Viscount	17	10	00
Younger Son of a Viscount	13	06	08
Eldest Son of a Baron	15	00	00
Younger Son of a Baron	12	00	00
Baronet of any of the said Three Kingdoms, or of *Nova Scotia*	15	00	00

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	Baron, or Baroneſs	20	00	00
	Eldeſt Son of a Duke, or his Wife	30	00	00
	Younger Son of a Duke, or his Wife	25	00	00
	Eldeſt Son of a Marquis, or his Wife	25	00	00
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	l.	s.	d.
Esquire, or so reputed, or owning or writing himself such, or his Wife—	05	00	00
Gentleman, or so reputed, or owning or writing himself such, or his Wife—	01	00	00
Younger Children of Baronets, Knights of the *Bath*, Knights Batchelors, Serjeants at Law, Esquires or Gentlemen, or owning or writing themselves such, or their Wives—	01	00	00
Widow of a Baronet—	15	00	00
Knight of the *Bath*—	15	00	00
Knight Batchelor—	10	00	00
Kings Serjeant at Law—	10	00	00
Other Serjeant at Law—	07	10	00
Esquire, or so reputed, or owning or writing himself such—	05	00	00
Gentleman, or so reputed, or owning or writing himself such—	01	00	00
Archbishop—	50	00	00
—His Wife, or Widow—	10	00	00
Bishop—	20	00	00
—His Wife, or Widow—	05	00	00
Dean of a Cathedral, or Collegiate Church	10	00	00
—His Wife, or Widow—	02	10	00
Archdeacon—	02	10	00
—His Wife, or Widow—	01	00	00
Canon or Prebendary of any Cathedral, or Collegiate Church—	02	10	00
—His Wife or Widow—	01	00	00
Doctor of Divinity, Law, Physick—	05	00	00
—His Wife or Widow—	01	00	00

Upon the Burial of every		l.	s.	d.
	Son or Daughter of an Archbiſhop, Biſhop, Dean, Archdeacon, Canon, Prebendary, Doctor of Divinity, Law, or Phyſick	01	00	00
	Perſon of 50 *l. per Annum* value, or upwards, in real eſtate; or of 600 *l.* value, or upwards, in perſonal Eſtate	01	00	00
	Wife, Widow, Child, or Children, of every ſuch Perſon, having ſuch real or perſonal Eſtate	00	10	00

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	l.	s.	d.
Every Person and Child (except the Child, or Children of such as receive Alms)	00	02	00

And over and above the Sum of 2 *s.* for the Degrees, *&c.* hereafter mentioned, the respective Duties following: (*Viz.*)

Upon the Birth of every

	l.	s.	d.
Eldest Son of a Duke of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*, or of his Wife by any other Husband after his death	30	00	00
Every other Son, or Daughter, of such Duke, or of his Wife, by any other Husband	25	00	00
Eldest Son of a Marquis of any the said three Kingdoms, or of his Wife by any other Husband after his death	25	00	00
—And of every other Son, or Daughter	20	00	00
Eldest Son of an Earl, or his Wife by any other Husband	20	00	00
—And of every other Son, or Daughter	15	00	00
Eldest Son of a Viscount, or of his Wife by any other Husband after his death	17	10	00
—And of every other Son, or Daughter	13	06	08
Eldest Son of a Baron, or his Wife, by any other Husband after his death	15	00	00
—And of every other Son, or Daughter	12	00	00
Eldest Son of a Baronet, Knight of the *Bath*, Knight Batchelor	05	00	00
Eldest Son of a Serjeant at Law, Esquire, Gentleman	01	00	00

		l.	s.	d.
Upon the Birth of every Younger Son, or Daughter, of—	Baronets	01	00	00
	Knights of the *Bath*			
	Knights Batchelors			
	Serjeants at Law			
	Esquires, or so reputed			
	Gentlemen, or so reputed, or owning or writing themselves such			
Son, or Daughter of an—	Archbishop	01	00	00
	Bishop			
	Dean			
	Archdeacon			
	Canon, Prebendary			
	Doctor of Divinity, Law, Physick			
Son, or Daughter, of every Person having 50 *l. per Annum*, or upwards, in Real Estate, or Personal Estate of 600 *l.* Value, or upwards, and not hereby otherwise charged under any the Ranks, Orders, Qualifications, or Degrees, before-mention'd.		00	10	00

These Duties (for Births) shall be paid and answered by the Father (if living;) and if dead, then by the Mother; and if both dead, at the time of the Birth, then by their Guardians, and to be reimbursed again in the first place, out of the Rents or personal Estate of such Child, or Children, to be Levied as after directed.

By whom to be paid.

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MARRIAGES.

AFter the First Day of *May*, *Anno Dom.* 1695. for and during Five Years, shall be raised the several Duties following, upon the Marriage of every Person at any place in *England*, *Wales* and *Berwick*: (*Viz.*)

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Upon the respective Marriage of every Person, (except such as receive Alms)	00	02	06

And over and above the said 2 *s.* 6 *d.* the respective Duties following:

[☞ Note, *The Nobility are* English, Scots, *or* Irish.]

Upon the Marriage of every

	l.	*s.*	*d.*
Duke of *England*, *Scotland*, or *Ireland*	50	00	00
Marquis	40	00	00
Earl	30	00	00
Viscount	25	00	00
Baron	20	00	00
Eldest Son of a Duke	30	00	00
Younger Son of a Duke	25	00	00
Eldest Son of a Marquis	25	00	00
Younger Son of a Marquis	20	00	00
Eldest Son of an Earl	20	00	00
Younger Son of an Earl	15	00	00
Eldest Son of a Viscount	17	10	00
Younger Son of a Viscount	13	06	08
Eldest Son of a Baron	15	00	00
Younger Son of a Baron	12	00	00
Baronet of any of the said Three Kingdoms, or of *Nova Scotia*	15	00	00

Knight

	l.	s.	d.
Upon the Marriage of every Knight of the *Bath*	15	00	00
Knight Batchelor	10	00	00
King's Serjeant at Law	20	00	00
Other Serjeant at Law	15	00	00
Esquire, or reputed Esquire, or owning or writing himself to be such	5	00	00
Gentleman, or reputed Gentleman, or owning or writing himself as such	1	00	00
Younger Son of a Baronet, Knight of the *Bath*, Knight Batchelor, Serjeant at Law, Esquire, or Gentleman, or reputed Esquire or Gentleman, or owning or writing himself to be such	1	00	00
Archbishop	50	00	00
Bishop	20	00	00
Dean of a Cathedral or Collegiate Church	10	00	00
Archdeacon	2	10	00
Canon, or Prebendary of any Cathedral or Collegiate Church	2	10	00
Doctor of Divinity, Law, or Physick	5	00	00
Son of an Archbishop, Bishop, Dean, Archdeacon, Canon, Prebendary, Doctor of Divinity, Law, or Physick	1	00	00
Person of 50 *l. per Annum*, or upwards in real Estate, or 600 *l.* Value or upwards personal Estate, and not otherwise hereby charged under the several Dignities, Ranks, or Degrees	1	00	00
Son of such Person	0	10	00

By whom to be paid. These Marriage Duties are to be paid by the Husband upon demand.

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Batchelors and *Widowers*.

		l.	*s.*	*d.*
Batchelors:	FRom and after the First Day of *May*, *A. D.* 1695. every Person inhabiting and residing in *England*, *Wales*, or *Berwick*, being a Batchelor above the Age of twenty five Years (except such as receive Alms) shall, during the term of Five Years, or so long time thereof as he shall continue a Batchelor, pay yearly	00	01	00
Widowers.	Every Widower so residing and inhabiting having no Child, or Children (except such as receive Alms) shall, after the First of *May*, 1695. during Five Years, or so long time thereof as he shall continue a Widower, yearly pay	00	01	00

Over and above the said yearly Sum of 1 *s.* all Persons of the Degrees and Qualifications hereafter named, inhabiting or residing in *England*, *Wales*, or *Berwick*, being Batchelors above the Age of Twenty five Years, or Widowers without Child, or Children, shall pay yearly, during the said term of Five Years, or for so long time thereof, as they shall continue Unmarried, these following Duties: (*Viz.*)

[☞ Note, *The Degrees of Nobility include* English, Scots, *and* Irish.]

Duke

		l.	s.	d.
Every	Duke	12	10	00
	Marquis	10	00	00
	Earl	07	10	00
	Viſcount	06	05	00
	Baron	05	00	00
	Eldeſt Son of a Duke	07	10	00
	Younger Son of a Duke	06	05	00
	Eldeſt Son of a Marquis	06	05	00
	Younger Son of a Marquis	05	00	00
	Eldeſt Son of an Earl	05	00	00
	Younger Son of an Earl	03	15	00
	Eldeſt Son of a Viſcount	04	07	06
	Younger Son of a Viſcount	03	06	08
	Eldeſt Son of a Baron	03	15	00
	Younger Son of a Baron	03	00	00
	Baronet of any the ſaid Three Kingdoms, or *Nova Scotia*	03	15	00
	Knight of the *Bath*	03	15	00
	Knight Batchelor	02	10	00
	King's Serjeant at Law	05	00	00
	Other Serjeant at Law	03	15	00
	Eſquire, or reputed Eſquire, or owning or writing himſelf ſuch	01	05	00
	Gentleman, or reputed Gentleman, or owning or writing himſelf ſuch	00	05	00
	Archbiſhop	12	10	00
	Biſhop	05	00	00
	Dean of a Cathedral or Collegiate Church	02	10	00
	Archdeacon	00	12	06
	Canon or Prebendary of any Cathedral or Collegiate Church	00	12	06
	Doctor of Divinity, Law, Phyſick.	01	05	00

Son

		l.	s.	d.
Every	Son of an Arch-Biſhop, Biſhop, Dean, Arch-Deacon, Canon, Prebendary, Doctor of Divinity, Law or Phyſick.	00	05	00
	Other Perſon having a real Eſtate, of the value of 50 *l.* or upwards, or Perſonal Eſtate of 600 *l.* or upwards, and not charged under the Orders, Degrees, and Qualifications of this Act	00	05	00
	Son of ſuch Perſon	00	02	06

When to be paid.

Theſe yearly Sums to be paid by equal half-yearly Payments, at *Michaelmas* and *Lady-day*.

None to be doubly Charged.

☞ Note, *No Perſon ſhall be doubly Charged, in reſpect of the ſeveral Titles, Honours or Degrees, but ſhall be Charged for ſuch Title, Honour, or Degree only, as is higheſt rated by this Act.*

Who are Commiſſioners for the firſt Year.

The Commiſſioners appointed in the Act of this Seſſions, of 4 *s.* in the Pound for one Year, ſhall be Commiſſioners for the Execution of this Act, for the firſt Year of the ſaid five Years.

Commiſſioners when firſt to meet.

The Commiſſioners, in their reſpective Counties, Cities, *&c.* ſhall meet at or before the 30*th* of *April* 1695. and ſhall, at their firſt general Meeting direct their Precepts for Preſenters and Aſſeſſors, to appear before them at a Time and Place not exceeding ten days; and then ſhall read the Rates of this Act to them, and direct them how to make Aſſeſſments, and prefix another day to the ſaid Perſons to appear before them, and bring in Certificates in Writing of the Names, Sir-

Directions for Commiſſioners.

Aſſeſſors.

names,

names, Estates, Degrees, Titles and Qualifications of all and every the person and persons dwelling within their Limits, dividing them in several Columns, as they are in Quality, Estate, or Qualification, and the Names of all others chargeable by this Act, and the Sums they ought respectively to Pay, upon Burials, Births, or Marriages, and for their being Unmarried, on pain of Forfeiture of any Sum not exceeding 5 *l.* and shall then return the Names of two sufficient Collectors, within the bounds or limits where they are Assessors, for the first Year; for whose not paying to the Receiver General, the Parish or Place for which they are imployed shall be answerable. *p.* 285, 286.

Collectors.

Every Assessor shall take the Oaths mentioned in an Act made in the first Year of *William* and *Mary*, Intituled, *An Act for the Abrogating the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy, and Appointing other Oaths.* And also, *an Oath well and truly to execute the duty of an Assessor*, &c. *p.* 287. (See the Oath at large.)

Assessor to take the Oaths.

The Rates charged by this Act shall be ascertained, and the Certificates thereof returned to the Commissioners, at or before the 13*th.* day of *May*, 1695. upon which the said Commissioners, or any three or more, shall issue out their Warrants to such Collectors, for the speedy Collecting the said Assessments, as they shall become payable. Of all which the said Collectors shall make demand of the Parties chargeable therewith, or at the places of their last abode, within ten days after the said Duties shall become due; and to pay the same within twenty days to the Receiver-General,

When the Assessments to be returned to the Commissioners.

Where and when the Rates to be demanded, when to be paid to the Receiver-General.

neral, or his Deputy: And the Receiver-General is hereby impowered, in default of Payment, to levy, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of two or more of the Commissioners, upon the Collectors, by Distress and Sale of their Goods and Chattels, such Sum or Sums of Money as they have received. *p.* 289.

In default of Payment, the Collectors to be Distrained.

A true Duplicate of the said Assessments shall be made, seal'd and delivered unto the Receiver-General; and the Receivers-General shall pay in the Money into the *Exchequer*, by half-yearly Payments, *viz. Michaelmas* and *Lady-day*, or sooner, if required. *p.* 289.

Duplicate of the Assessments to be delivered to the Receiver-General.

Upon return of any such Certificate, the Commissioners, or any three, may examine the Presenters; and if at the time of the return, or within twenty days after, they know or suspect that any Person that ought to pay is omitted, or of higher Degree, or greater Estate, than is mentioned in the Certificate, or under charged, or not duly charged, they shall Summon such Persons before them to be examined; and if any Person summoned shall not appear (having not a reasonable excuse for such his Default) shall pay double the rate he ought to be charged at. *p.* 290.

Persons not duly rated, summoned before the Commissioners.

The Commissioners, or any two or more, shall have power to examine and enquire into the Degrees, Qualifications, and Estates of such Persons as are charged by this Act; and to set such Rates as shall be according to the true intent and meaning of this Act. *p.* 290.

Commissioners to examine the Assessments, and the Degrees, &c.

Receiver-General to be allowed 2*d* in the Pound.

Every

3 *d.* in the Pound to the Collector. Commissioners Clerks 1 *d.* in the Pound.

Every Collector to have 3 *d.* in the Pound. The Commissioners Clerks respectively, shall, by Warrant, under two or more of the Commissioners Hands, receive from the Receivers-General, or Deputy, 1 *d.* in the Pound, of all such Money as he shall have received, by Virtue of such Warrants or Certificates.

Penalty of those who refuse to pay their Rates to the Collectors upon demand.

If any persons refuse to pay their Rates on Demand made by the Officer or Collector of the Place, it shall be lawful for such Officer or Collector to distress the persons so refusing, by their Goods and Chattels, and the Distress to keep four days, at the cost of the Owners; and if the Owners do not pay within four days, then the Distress to be Appraised by two or more of the Inhabitants, where the Distress is taken, and there to be sold by the said Officer, and the overplus, if any, above the Charges of taking and keeping the said Distress to be restored to the Owner.

Distress and Sale of Goods.

Breaking open Houses, &c.

It shall be lawful to break open (in the day time, any House, and upon Warrant under the Hands and Seals of two or more Commissioners) any Chest, Trunk, Box, *&c.* where any such Goods are, calling the Constable, Headborough, or Tythingman to their Assistance. *p.* 292.

Or refuse to pay by the space of ten days after demand.

If any person refuse to pay his Rates, or Sum, by the space of ten days after demand, where no sufficient Distress can be found, then two or more of the Commissioners or two Justices of the Peace, by this Act appointed for any such City, County, or Place, may, by Warrant under their Hands and Seals, commit such Person to the Common Goal, without

Imprisonment.

out Bail or Mainprise, until payment shall be made.

If any Person find himself aggrieved with the Assessment, and do within ten days after Notice of such Assessment given in the Church, complain to the Commissioners who signed the same; they, or any three of them shall, within ten days next after such Complaint, examine the Party upon Oath, of his or her Rank, Degree, Qualification, or Estate, and, upon Examination, abate or enlarge the said Assessment, and the same so abated or enlarged shall be Estreated into the Exchequer. *p.* 292, 293.

Appeal, and the time.

The Justices of Peace in their respective Counties, Cities, Boroughs, *&c.* are appointed Commissioners for and during the four last Years.

Justices of the Peace Commissioners for the 4 last Years.

At the end of every Year the Collectors for the preceding Year shall cause a Copy of their Assessments, and of the Collections made by them, to be fairly written and signed by them, with such Alterations as shall be necessary, by reason of the Death, change of Quality, or Degree, or Removal of any Person, or otherwise; and at the bottom shall write the Names of two or more substantial Inhabitants fit to be Collectors for the succeeding Year, and they shall deliver the said Assessment, or a true Duplicate thereof signed, as aforesaid, to two or more Justices of the Peace of the respective Counties, Divisions, *&c.* within the space of ten days after the end of every Year, which the Justices may peruse, and examine the Presenters thereof. And if at the time of the delivery

Duty of Collectors in delivering a Copy of their Assessments.

Office and Power of the Justices, in examining and allowing the Assessments.

of ſuch Aſſeſſments, or within ten days after they know or ſuſpect that any perſons are omitted or undercharged, or not duly charged, the ſaid Juſtices, or any two of them, may Summon ſuch Perſons to appear before them, to be examined, touching the ſame or other Matters; and if ſuch perſon Summoned, neglect to appear (not having reaſonable excuſe) he ſhall pay double the rate; and the ſaid Juſtices have power to examine and enquire into the ſeveral Degrees, Qualifications, and Eſtates of perſons chargeable; and thereupon to enlarge, alter, abate, or diminiſh the ſaid Aſſeſſments ſo delivered; and the ſaid Juſtices, or any three or more, ſhall ſet their Hands to the ſaid Aſſeſſments, teſtifying their Allowance, and ſhall nominate two of the perſons named therein to be Collectors, and deliver ſuch Aſſeſſment to the Collectors for the Year enſuing. *p.* 295, 296.

Collectors for the enſuing Years.

The Collectors ſhall every Year, within the ſpace of ſix days after the Aſſeſſments delivered to them, deliver the ſame, or a true Copy, to the Parſon, Vicar, Curate, or Rector of the Pariſh, *&c.* under Penalty of 5 *l.* and the ſaid Parſons, *&c.* under the Penalty of 5 *l.* for every Offence, on the next *Sunday* after Receipt thereof ſhall publickly read the ſame after Divine Service in the Morning. *p.* 297.

Copy of the Aſſeſſment to be delivered to the Parſon, and when.

During the four laſt Years, upon complaint made by any perſon Aſſeſſed, within ten days after ſuch Notice in the Church, the Juſtices who ſigned the ſaid Rates, or two of them, together with the other Juſtices of the ſaid County, *&c.* are impowred at the next Quarter-Seſſions to examine the Complainant upon Oath,

Appeal the four laſt Years.

Oath, of his or her Rank, Degree, Qualification or Eſtate, and upon examination to abate or enlarge the ſaid Aſſeſſments, and the ſame ſhall deliver unto the Collectors for their better direction in the Collection thereof: And a true duplicate thereof ſhall be in convenient time by them made out, and delivered unto the Receivers-General.

All Appeals once heard and determin'd ſhall be final. *p.* 298.

Appeals to be final.

All Perſons in Holy Orders, Deans, Parſons, Deacons, Vicars, Curates, and their Subſtitutes, ſhall within their reſpective Pariſhes, Precincts, and Places, keep a true Account, and exact Regiſter, in Writing, of all perſons Married, Buried, Chriſtned, or Born in their reſpective Pariſhes and Precincts, or in ſuch common Burying-places as their reſpective Pariſhioners are uſually buried in; to which Regiſter all perſons concern'd ſhall have free acceſs; and if any ſuch Parſon or Miniſter refuſe or neglect to keep a true Regiſter, he ſhall forfeit the Sum of 100 *l.* one Moiety to the King, the other Moiety to the Informer; the Proſecutor to have his full Coſts.

Regiſters to be kept in every Pariſh.

Under Penalty of 100 *l.*

The Parents of every Child Born, or one of them, ſhall, within five days after ſuch Birth, give Notice to the Collectors of the Pariſh or Place where ſuch Child was Born, and of the Chriſtian-Name of ſuch Child, and the day of its Birth; and the Collectors ſhall thereupon give a Certificate to ſuch Parent, teſtifying ſuch Notice was given: And if any Child ſhall be born dead, one of the Parents ſhall bring a Certificate under the Hands of two or more perſons, teſtifying the ſame to the

Parents to give Notice of the Birth of a Child and how, and when, and to whom.

Collectors. And if any Parent ſhall neglect to give ſuch Notice, as aforeſaid, he ſhall forfeit 40 *s.* *p.* 300.

Under Penalty of 40 *s.*

No Letters Patents of Exemption.

No Letters Patents to any Perſons, Cities, Boroughs, *&c.* within this Realm, of any Priviledges or Exemptions from Subſidies, Taxes, Aſſeſſments, or Aids, ſhall be conſtrued to exempt any Perſon, City, Borough, *&c.* from the Charges of this Act. And all *Non Obſtante's* in ſuch Letters Patents, made or to be made in Bar of any Act or Acts of Parliament, for the ſupply or aſſiſtance of His Majeſty, are hereby declared void, and of none effect. *p.* 301.

All *Non Obſtante's* in Bar of ſupply to the King void.

Parents, Guardians, Tutors, to be chargeable for Infants.

Parents, Guardians, and Tutors, upon default of Payment, by Infants under 21, ſhall be charged with ſuch Payments; and if they neglect or refuſe to pay, they ſhall be proceeded againſt, as other Perſons making default of Payment, and they making Payments, ſhall be allowed the ſame upon their Accounts.

And to be allowed on Account.

Where every Perſon to be Aſſeſſed.

Every Perſon Aſſeſſed by this Act ſhall be Aſſeſſed at ſuch place where he or ſhe ſhall be reſident at the time of the execution of this Act. And all who are not Houſe-holders, and all Servants, ſhall be Taxed at the place they ſhall be then Reſident. And ſuch as are out of the Realm ſhall be rated in ſuch County, City, or Place where he was laſt abiding within the Realm.

Remedy where a Perſon is doubly Charged.

If any Perſon having ſeveral Manſion-Houſes, or places of Reſidence, or otherwiſe, ſhall be doubly charged, then, on Certificate by two of the Commiſſioners under Hand and Seal of the Sum charged, and in what capacity or reſpect he or they were ſo charg'd,

and

and upon Oath made of such Certificate before any Justice of the Peace for the County or Place where the said Certificate shall be made, the person so charged doubly, shall be discharged in every other County, City, or Place.

If any that ought to be Taxed, shall, by changing his place of residence, or any other Fraud, escape the Taxation, and the same be proved before Two of the Commissioners, or any Justice of Peace, in the County where such person resideth, within three Months after such Tax made, he shall be charged at the double value, to be levied on his Goods and Lands. Penalty of one who escapes the Tax by fraud.

Every Housholder, shall, upon demand of the Assessors, or Collectors, give account of the Names, Degrees, Qualifications and Estates of such persons as shall sojourn or lodge in their Houses, under the penalty of 5 *l.* Housholder to give account of Lodgers.

If the Heir of any person dying, shall pay the duty of Burial of such his Ancestor, or if the said duties shall be levied upon his Lands descended to him, then such Heir, his Executors and Administrators, shall recover so much from the Executors or Administrators of such person, out of the Assets, by action of Debt. Heir paying the Duty for his Ancestor, how relieved.

If any Collector neglect or refuse to pay any Money received by him, at such time as is directed by this Act, the Commissioners of each County, Riding, City, Town, or any Two or more of them, in their respective divisions, are impower'd to imprison the person, and seize the Estate real and personal of the said Collector, or which shall descend or come into the hands or possession of his Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, where- Penalty of Collectors for not paying the Money received.

ſoever the ſame can be found: And the ſaid Commiſſioners who ſhall ſeize the Eſtate, ſhall appoint general Meetings of the Commiſſioners for ſuch County, *&c.* and there give ſix days Notice before ſuch general Meeting where it ſhall be; and if the Money detained by the Collectors be not paid and ſatisfied, ſhall ſell and diſpoſe all ſuch Eſtate ſeized, or any part thereof, and pay the Sum detained into the hands of the Receiver-General, *p.* 305.

Where Diviſions and Allotments to be aſſeſſed.

All Places, Conſtablewicks, Diviſions and Allotments, which have been uſed to be rated and aſſeſſed, ſhall pay and be aſſeſſed in ſuch County, Hundred, Rape, Wapentake, Conſtablewick, Diviſion, Place and Allotment, as the ſame hath uſually heretofore been aſſeſſed in.

Commiſſioners to aſſeſs other Commiſſioners.

The Commiſſioners ſhall rate and aſſeſs every other Commiſſioner joined with them, ſo as the dwelling-place of ſuch Commiſſioner ſo to be aſſeſſed, be within the Diviſion of ſuch Commiſſioners by whom he is aſſeſſed.

Commiſſioners to aſſeſs the Aſſeſſors.

The Commiſſioners within their Diviſion ſhall alſo aſſeſs every Aſſeſſor.

Who ſhall not be Aſſeſſors out of their own limits.

No perſon inhabiting in any City, Borough, or Town-Corporate, ſhall be compell'd to be any Aſſeſſor, or Collector, in any place out of the limits of the ſaid City, Borough or Town-Corporate.

Aſſeſſors in priviledged places.

In priviledged places, which are extraparochial, the Commiſſioners ſhall nominate two fit perſons, living in or near the ſaid priviledged places, to be Aſſeſſors for the ſaid places, and alſo to appoint Collectors.

No ſtay of proſecution for recovery of the Penalties.

No ſtay of proſecution upon any Command, Warrant, Motion, or Order, or Direction by *non vult ulterius proſequi*, ſhall be had,

had, made, admitted, or allowed, by any Court, in any Suit, by Debt, Bill, Plaint or Information, for the recovery of the Penalties or Forfeitures of this Act.

If, after the Aſſeſſments made, any perſon ſhall come to inhabit, or reſide, in any Diviſion, or Place, where he was not taxed, the Commiſſioners in ſuch place are to ſummon ſuch perſon before them; and unleſs he or ſhe ſhall produce a Certificate, whereby it ſhall appear he or ſhe was aſſeſſed, and hath paid the duties in ſome other place, the Commiſſioners ſhall cauſe ſuch perſon to be aſſeſſed, and the Money to be levied and paid according to the Act. *p.* 307.

Perſons newly inhabiting places after the time of Aſſeſſment, to produce Certificates.

If any Aſſeſſor or Collector, wilfully neglect or refuſe to perform his duty, in the ſpeedy and due execution of this Act, the Commiſſioners, or any Three of them, may impoſe a Fine on the Offender, not exceeding 20 *l.* for one Offence, to be levied and certified, as aforeſaid, and to be charged upon the Receiver-General amongſt the reſt of the Rates.

Fine on Aſſeſſors or Collectors, for neglecting their Duty.

The Commiſſioners may, from time to time, require an account of the Receivers-General of all the Moneys received from the Collectors, and of the payment thereof into the Exchequer. And in caſe of failure of the premiſſes, the Commiſſioners ſhall cauſe the ſame to be forthwith levied and paid, according to the true meaning of this Act.

Commiſſioners may call the Receiver-General to account.

If any Controverſie ariſe between the Commiſſioners concerning the Aſſeſſments, the Commiſſioners that be concerned therein, ſhall have no voice, but ſhall withdraw during the Debate.

Controverſie between Commiſſioners, how decided.

Differences about the Assessments, how determin'd.

All Differences arising touching any of the said Rates, Assessments, or Levies, shall be finally determined by Three or more of the Commissioners, upon complaint by the Party grieved, without further Suit in Law.

The Receiver-General shall give Acquittance *gratis* to the Collectors: And the Collectors shall deliver to the Receivers-General a perfect Schedule, written in Parchment, under their Hands and Seals, signed by any Two or more of the Commissioners, containing the Names and Sirnames, and Places of abode, of every person, as well Peer as Commoner, that shall make default of payment of their Assessment, and the Sums charged on them, the same to be by them returned into the Exchequer.

Collectors to give in persons Names that refuse to pay.

Officers to be aiding in the execution of this Act.

All Constables, *&c.* and other His Majesty's Officers, shall be respectively aiding and assisting in the execution of this Act, and to obey such Precepts or Warrants, as shall be directed to them, by any two or more of the Commissioners.

Pleading the General Issue, and giving the special Matter in Evidence.

Persons sued for what they do in pursuance or execution of this Act, shall plead Not guilty, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence: And if the Prosecutor be nonsuit, or discontinue, or a Verdict pass against him, the Defendant shall have treble Costs.

Costs.

The Receipt of every Receiver-General, or his Deputy, shall be a sufficient discharge unto every Collector.

Collectors not to travel above ten Miles.

The particular Collectors for payment of their Money, shall not be obliged to travel above ten Miles from their place of Habitation. *p.* 311.

If

If any Receiver-General shall return into the Exchequer any Money to be in arrear, after the same hath been received by him or his Deputy, or shall cause any person or persons to be set *insuper* in the said Court, for any Sum of Money that hath been so received, then every such Receiver shall forfeit to the person grieved, treble the damages that shall be thereby occasioned, to be recovered by Debt, Bill, Plaint, or Information; and shall forfeit to His Majesty double the Sum so injustly certified.

Penalty on Receiver-General for King and Return.

No Commissioners shall be liable, by reason of the execution of this Act, to any of the penalties mentioned in an Act made in the 25th Year of King *Charles* II. for preventing dangers which may happen by Popish Recusants.

Commissioners not liable to the Penalties of the Popish Act, 25 *Car.* 2.

All penalties and forfeitures to be incurred for any Offences against this Act, for which there is no particular way of levying herein before appointed, shall be levied by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of Two or more of the respective Commissioners of the Division, or Place, where any such Offence was or shall be committed, by Distress and Sale of the Goods of the Offender, rendring the overplus to the Owner thereof, after a Deduction of Reasonable Charges.

How Forfeitures to be levied.

If any Collector shall neglect or refuse to deliver a Duplicate, written and signed by him, of the Assessment, together with the Names of Two or more Inhabitants, to be appointed Collectors for the Year next ensuing, at such time, and in such manner, as is before directed, he shall forfeit the Sum of 20 *l.* to His Majesty.

Forfeiture of Collectors for not delivering Duplicates of the Assessment.

The

Who ſhall pay the Duties of the Poor buried, that receive relief of the Pariſh.

The Duties payable by this Act, upon the Burial of any perſon, who in his life-time, and at the time of his death, was relieved by virtue of any Act of Parliament made for relief of the Poor, ſhall be paid and anſwered by the Churchwardens and Overſeers of the Poor, for that Pariſh, or Place, where ſuch perſon was laſt Relieved or Maintained, out of ſuch Money as they ſhall receive for relief of the Poor of their reſpective Pariſhes or Places, and ſhall be allowed the ſame upon their Accounts: And in Default of payment, the ſaid Churchwardens and Overſeers ſhall be diſtrained upon, and proſecuted, as any other perſons neglecting or refuſing to pay the Duties payable upon demand, are hereby made liable to be diſtrained upon, or proſecuted. *p.* 313.

What Demand of any Duty of this Act is good.

A Demand at the Houſe where the Party died, ſhall be deemed to be a good Demand of any Duty payable by this Act on Burials.

Great Pariſhes in Cities, and great Towns, that pay for Burial of the Poor, how to be eaſed.

The Churchwardens and Overſeers of every Pariſh in every City or Corporation, or Liberties, or Suburbs thereof, and of every great Town, who have more Pariſhes than one, ſhall, during the continuance of this Act, upon or before the Tenth day of *May*, in every Year, deliver unto the Mayor or Chief Magiſtrate of every ſuch City, Corporation, or great Town, a Schedule in writing, which ſhall contain the Name of every poor perſon Buried in their reſpective Pariſhes within the Year preceding, and for whoſe Burial they paid the Duty impoſed by this Act: Upon delivery whereof, ſuch Churchwardens, Overſeers, or ſome of them, before the

ſaid

ſaid Mayor, Juſtice of Peace, or Chief Magiſtrate ſhall make Oath of the truth of the ſaid Schedule; and after delivery of ſuch Schedules, the ſaid Mayors, Chief Magiſtrates, or other Head Officers, ſhall reſpectively cauſe all the ſaid Sums ſo paid by the ſaid reſpective Churchwardens or Overſeers, upon the burial of every ſuch poor perſon, to be taxed upon the ſeveral Cities, Corporations, and Great Towns in general, with other Charges for Relief of the poor; and within two Months after the ſame ſhall be Aſſeſſed, ſhall cauſe payment to be made to the reſpective Churchwardens and Overſeers of the poor for the Year preceding, of all ſuch Sum and Sums of Money, as they reſpectively paid in their reſpective Pariſhes, for the Burial of poor perſons in the ſame Year. *p.* 314, 315.

The Receivers General ſhall, between the firſt day of *May*, 1696. and the firſt day of *November* following; and ſo yearly at thoſe times, during the continuance of this Act, deliver in their reſpective Accounts of the Duties of this Act to His Majeſtys Auditors of the Impreſts for the time being, or one of them, who ſhall examine upon Oath the ſaid Receivers General, or other perſons Accountant for the ſaid Duties, of what Sum or Sums of Money was by them raiſed and collected within the time of ſuch their Accounts, and what part was paid into the Receipt of the Exchequer, by virtue of any Warrant of Privy Seal, or Lord Treaſurer, or Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, or otherwiſe paid, and to whom, and for what Service or Services.

Receivers, when to deliver their Accounts to the Auditors of the Impreſts, and for what purpoſe.

No

None to be Married without Licence or Banns published. The Parson to forfeit 100 *l.* and Suspension.

No person shall be Married at any pretended place exempt from the Bishops Visitation, without a Licence, except the Banns be Published. And every Parson, Vicar, or Curate, who shall Marry contrary to the true intent of this Act, shall forfeit 100 *l.* one Moiety to the King, the other to the Informer; and for the second Offence, shall be Suspended *ab Officio & Beneficio* for three years.

The Batchelors Tax not to extend to Fellows of Colleges.

The Taxes by this Act imposed on Batchelors, shall not extend to Fellows of Colleges, Students, or Scholars of Houses, nor to any Exhibitioners of Colleges, or Halls, in the Two Universities.

Master and Mistress to pay for Lodgers or Boarders, &c.

and how to be relieved.

Where any person, under the age of 21 years, shall not be resident at the time of his or her death, with his or her Parents, then in such case the Master or Mistress of the Family where such person shall die, shall pay the Duties upon Burial; and in Default of such payment, the said Duties shall be levied by distress and sale of the Goods of such Master or Mistress: And such Master or Mistress paying such Duties, shall retain so much out of the Estate of such person so dying in his hands; and if the Estate is not sufficient, then they shall demand and recover so much from the Father (if living) or Guardian, or Trustee of such person by Action of Debt.

What Certificates to be delivered to the Heralds.

The persons liable to pay the Duty of 20*s.* as to Degrees, Title, and Quality (except those charged for Real or Personal Estate) shall deliver to the Collector a Certificate in writing, under Hand and Seal, engrossed in Parchment, expressing the Name, Sirname, Titles, Quality, Office, and Employment (if any) of such deceased

deceaſed perſon, with the Age, Time of Death, Place of Burial, Marriages, and Iſſue, together with the Names, Sirnames, Titles, and Qualities of the Parents: Which Certificates ſhall be tranſmitted to the Receiver-General, who ſhall deliver them to the Kings Heralds and Purſuivants at Arms, which ſhall be digeſted in Books Alphabetically.

Money to be Advanced on this Act, and how much.

It ſhall be lawful to Advance to the King, on the Credit of this Act, any Money not exceeding 650000*l.* in the whole, and to have Intereſt not exceeding 8 *per Cent. p.* 326.

Salary Money to be paid by the King, *&c.*

It ſhall be lawful for the King, His Heir and Succeſſors, out of the Duties ariſing by this Act, to cauſe ſuch Sums of Money to be Expended from time to time, for Salaries and other incident Charges, as ſhall be neceſſary in and for the receiving, collecting or managing the ſame Duties.

Quakers, Papiſts, Jews and pretended Marriages, how to pay and be aſſeſſed.

All Quakers, or reputed Quakers, Papiſts, or reputed Papiſts, and all Jews, or any other perſons, who ſhall cohabit and live together as Man and Wife, ſhall pay the ſeveral Duties upon Marriages, according to their Degrees, Titles, Orders, and Qualifications, as they ought to have paid by virtue of this Act, if they had been Married according to the Laws of the Church of *England*. And the Man that ſhall enter into ſuch pretented Marriage, ſhall, within five days after, give notice to the Collector of the place where he lives, upon the forfeiture of 5*l.* But this ſhall not make any ſuch pretended Marriage effectual in Law. *p.* 325.

Notice to the Collector by the Man of ſuch Marriage.

An Abſtract of the Act, made in the 6th and 7th Year of the Reign of William *III. King of* England, *&c. Intituled,* An Act for Explaining and Regulating ſeveral Doubts, Duties, and Penalties in the late Act for Granting ſeveral Duties upon Velum, Parchment and Paper; and for the Aſcertaining the Admeaſurement of the Tunnage of Ships (*ſo far as relates to the Velum or Parchment Act.*)

THE ſaid *Act*, or any *Clauſe* therein contained, ſhall not be conſtrued to charge with any duty ſpecified therein, *viz.*

Warrants, Recogniſances. 1. Any Warrant made by, or Recogniſance taken before any Juſtice or Juſtices of the Peace.

Surrenders of Copy-holds and Copies. 2. Any Surrender of any Copy-hold Eſtate, or Copies for ſuch Eſtate.

Certificates. 3. Any Certificate of the Marriage of a Seaman's Widow.

Tryals in Court-Marſhal. 4. Any Proceedings of any *Court-Marſhal*, which relate to the Trial of any *common Soldier.*

Commiſſioners of Sewers. 5. Any *Orders*, *Decrees*, or *Proceedings* before any *Commiſſioners* of *Sewers*, or in the *Court* of *Stannaries.*

Court of Stannaries.

But

But ſuch Warrants, Recogniſances, Surrenders, Copies, Certificates, Orders, Decrees, and Proceedings, ſhall be exempted from the payment of any duty therein mention'd.

Batchelors of Arts in the Univerſities.

The duty of 40 *s.* laid upon the Regiſter or Entry of any Degree, in any of the ſaid Two Univerſities, ſhall not extend to the Regiſter or Entry of any Batchelor of Arts.

Commiſſions of Rebellion.

The duty of 40 *s.* which is laid upon Letters Patents, ſhall not extend to *Commiſſions* of *Rebellion* in proceſs.

Admittances of Officers in Corporations or Inferiour Courts.

The duty of 40 *s.* laid upon *Admittances* of *Officers* in any *Court* whatſoever, ſhall not extend to any annual *Officer* in any *Corporation*, or inferiour *Court*, whoſe *Office* is under the value of 10 *l per Annum*, in Salaries, Fees, or other Perquiſites.

Sea-Officers.

The *Officers* at Sea ſhall pay the ſame duty that the *Officers* of the *Army* at Land pay, and no more.

The 500 pounds Penalty altered to 5 *l.*

The Penalty of 500 *l.* mention'd in the ſaid Act, ſhall no longer ſtand and be in force; but but is altered into the penalty of 5 *l.* only: And where the Offender was by the ſaid Act to forfeit 500 *l.* he ſhall forfeit no more than 5 *l.* to be recovered with coſts of Suit.

Pardons to thoſe who have forfeited 500 Pounds.

That all perſons who have incurred the penalty 500 *l.* upon any *Clauſe* in the ſaid Act, ſhall be indemnified and pardoned, and diſcharged the ſaid Forfeitures, and every part thereof, and of and from any proſecution thereupon.

Commiſſioners of the Treaſury to ſet Prices of Stampt Velum, Parchment, Paper, and how often.

That the Lord *High Treaſurer* of *England*, or *Commiſſioners* of the *Treaſury* for the time being, ſhall once in the Year at leaſt, ſet the Prices of all ſorts of Stampt Velum, Parchment,

Commissioners in and by the Act shall stamp the said Prices.

ment, and Paper, that it shall be sold at: And the *Commissioners* appointed to put the said Act in execution, shall stamp the said price so set, upon every Skin, or piece of Velum, or Parchment, or Sheet, or piece of Paper so by them to be sold. And that the said *Commissioners* shall likewise allow and pay to every person that shall bring Velum, Parchment, or Paper to be stampt, (the duty whereof shall amount to the Sum of 10 *l.* or upwards) after the rate of 6 *l. per Cent. per Ann.* for three Months, upon present payment of the said duty. And that any persons that shall buy of the said *Commissioners*, or their Agents, Velum, Parchment, or Paper, the duty whereof amounts to 10 *l.* or upwards, shall have the same allowance of 6 *l. per Cent.*

Those that bring Velum to be stampt, whereof the Duty shall amount to 10 *l.* or more, to be allowed after the Rate of 6 *l. per Cent.* for 3 months.

Those that shall buy of the Commissioners Velum, *&c.* the Duty whereof shall amount to 10 *l.* or more, to have the same Allowance.

FINIS.